



# BEAR RIVER COMMISSION

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### Dear Jeff:

Due to a recent significant jump in reservoir inflow, the operation of Woodruff Narrows Reservoir has become critical and demands immediate attention. The automated gage on the inflow to Woodruff Narrows Reservoir has become very valuable to this Engineer-Manager. Several times a week we are now in contact with Ron Hoffman (the Utah watermaster who also works for the Woodruff Narrows Reservoir Company and has been operating the discharge gates on the reservoir), giving him the current reservoir inflow information. He, in turn, has been keeping us apprised of reservoir stage and outflow. I am happy to communicate with Ron. But for the record, I again need to state that because the reservoir is in Wyoming, the responsibility to ensure that the storage in the reservoir does not exceed the amount authorized under the Compact rests with officials from your office.

The USGS's telemetry system indicates that, as of 8:30 this morning, the inflow to Woodniff Narrows Reservoir was 1.170 cfs. Hoffman indicated

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E. J. Skeen Attorney At Law 536 East 400 South Selt Lake City, UT 84102 yesterd— that the discharge had been set at 525 cfs, and the storage in Woodr— was 27,620 acre-feet. This means—it the reservoir would be gaining storage at the rate of almost 1,300 acre-feet a day. Based upon the information from Hoffman yesterday, we believe that the reservoir will fill to the compact-authorized capacity (28,612 acre-feet) sometime today.

I have called Ron Hoffman to advise him of this situation—as he has requested to be kept up to date on a regular basis. I was not able to reach him, but did leave this information on his answering machine. I further indicated that we will be calling him with an update on Saturday. I have also

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called Jade Henderson and left a similar message with his secretary. Jade was not in the office but

As I anticipate that issues will need to be addressed over the weekend, I felt this information was most effectively communicated via facsimile. You will note that because of the time sensitivity of this message, I have chosen to also fax the information contained in this letter to several other interested officials.

If you have any questions, please call Don or I today, or you or your staff are welcome to call me here at the office over the weekend and leave a message on our answering machine or personally call me at my home at (801) 292-1976. Your immediate attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

lack A. Barnett Engineer-Manager

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